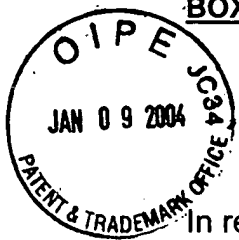


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January 9, 2003

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 9, 2003, (hereinafter "outstanding Action") with the response time falling within the shortened statutory period, please amend the application as follows:

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